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Title: **AUTOMATED PILL BOTTLE OPENER**

To: Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action dated 07/08/2004:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1 1. (Original) An automated bottle opener comprising:
 - 2 a casing with a receiving area to receive a bottle,
 - 3 a plunger assembly to apply downward pressure on a top of a bottle cap of said
 - 4 bottle, and
 - 5 a rotator assembly to rotate said bottle cap; wherein
 - 6 said casing comprises a means to secure a bottom of said bottle, and
 - 7 said rotator assembly comprises a means to secure said top of said bottle cap; such
 - 8 that
 - 9 during an opening process initiated by a user moving a selector in a first direction, a
 - 10 body of said bottle is prevented from rotating, and said rotator assembly rotates said bottle
 - 11 cap while said plunger assembly simultaneously applies pressure to said top of said bottle
 - 12 cap, thereby removing said bottle cap from said bottle, and